

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Sam D. Holland, DVM, was appointed Executive Secretary and State Veterinarian for the South Dakota Animal Industry Board in March 1995; and,

*Whereas*, Prior to fulfilling his responsibilities as Executive Secretary and State Veterinarian, Sam spent 15 years in large animal private practice in central South Dakota, and then served as assistant state veterinarian from 1986 to 1995; and,

*Whereas*, Sam is well respected for his leadership in animal health at the state and national level, and his contributions to animal health in the state include: the eradication of pseudorabies in South Dakota swine herds; the development of one of the nation's first state Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps; the eradication of brucellosis from one of the nation's largest buffalo herds and the state of South Dakota as a whole; and the development and implementation of programs for bovine trichomoniasis, Chronic Wasting Disease in captive deer and elk herds, and the Beef Quality Assurance/Critical Management Plan Program; and,

*Whereas*, In Sam's leadership positions, he has demonstrated his considerable knowledge, experience, and speaking ability, and also to his great credit, the ability to listen to all sides of a debate and join with others in making rational decisions; and,

*Whereas*, Sam was born and raised on a farm in south central Minnesota, graduated from Frost High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree, with honors, in Agriculture from the University of Minnesota, where he also graduated with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1971; and,

*Whereas*, Sam and his wife, LaVer, along with son, Mikel, and daughter, Cindy, live in Pierre, and Sam and LaVer enjoy the activities of their grandchildren; and,

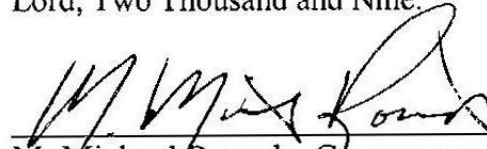
*Whereas*, Sam will retire as Executive Secretary and State Veterinarian on March 6, 2009, having served the state of South Dakota's agriculture industry in an outstanding manner for more than 22 years, and it is fitting and proper as governor to recognize Sam for his years of service to state government:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends, and family in offering our congratulations to him

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

